

Obadiah Smith House
853 St. Johnland Rd., San Remo
Smithtown
Suffolk County
New York

HABS No. NY-6110

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE NEW YORK	COUNTY SUFFOLK	TOWN OR VICINITY SMITHTOWN
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Obadiah Smith House		HABS NO. NY-6110
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 853 St. Johnland Road, San Remo		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Early 18th century	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Early house occupied by Obadiah Smith, grandson of Richard Smith, the Patentee. Unusual framing details peculiar to the small group of houses built by the Smith family of the area		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Stone rubble foundations, wooden frame walls		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 26'-7" x 44'-6", central hall plan, two stories		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Large fireplace with oven in kitchen, winding stair, timber framing		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1840 - southeast parlor was remodelled, southeast bedroom enlarged when chimney removed, pannelled chimney wall destroyed 1925-50 - new, larger windows installed		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Obadiah Smith (1687-1765): Fiscal Officer as recorded in first Record of Town of Smithtown, Supervisor of Town of Smithtown in 1725, 1726, and 1738, Owner of saw mill and grist mill in 1735		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) House owned by Smithtown Historical Society, N. Country Rd., Smithtown, NY		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Jack Barker, Jr., HABS		DATE August 23, 1983

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